



*Embassy of the United States of America*

Stockholm, Sweden

July 31, 2019

Prosecution Authority of the Kingdom of Sweden:

On behalf of the U.S. Government, I present my compliments to the Prosecution Authority of the Kingdom of Sweden and with respect to the upcoming legal proceedings in the case of detained American citizens Rakim Mayers, David Rispens, and Bladimir Corniel, the U.S. Government requests the following:

- Immediate humanitarian release from the current Kronoberg Remand Prison
- Supervised detention in a local Stockholm hotel pending final disposition of the case

I take this opportunity to remind the Prosecution Authority of the commitment by President Trump to Prime Minister Stefan Löfven that the three Americans will remain in Sweden if granted a humanitarian release.

As Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, I stressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Justice officials on July 29, 2019, the government of the United States of America wants to resolve this case as soon as possible to avoid potentially negative consequences to the U.S.-Swedish bilateral relationship.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Prosecution Authority of the Kingdom of Sweden the assurances of my highest consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ambassador Robert O'Brien  
Special Presidential Envoy

The Prosecution Authority of Sweden,  
Stockholm.



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Ambassador Robert O'Brien  
Special Presidential Envoy

Dear Mr. Ambassador

I have received Your letter and carefully taken part of Your concerns and requests regarding the American citizens and the case You are referring to.

According to the Swedish Constitution, a Swedish prosecutor is independent in his or her tasks to investigate crimes, to decide whether or not to instigate legal proceedings and to appear in court.

This means that no other prosecutor, not even I, may interfere with a specific case or try to affect the prosecutor responsible for the case in how he or she should decide or otherwise act with regard to the case.

Furthermore, when a person is charged and the case is brought before a court, only the court can decide, during or after the trial, whether or not to release the person or decide on supervised detention.

I fully respect Your commitment in representing Your citizens but, as I have explained above, I am unable to and therefore will not take any action to accommodate Your requests.

Yours sincerely,

Petra Lundh  
Prosecutor-General of Sweden

Stockholm, August 1, 2019